

What is YAC?



Vision:

"Providing a Voice for Youth in Foster Care"

Mission:

Delaware's Youth Advisory Council, composed of current and former foster care youth, provides a safe and respectful forum for youth to share ideas, opinions, concerns and develop leadership skills by planning and facilitating activities that enhance the foster care system, independent living program and community.

DELAWARE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead



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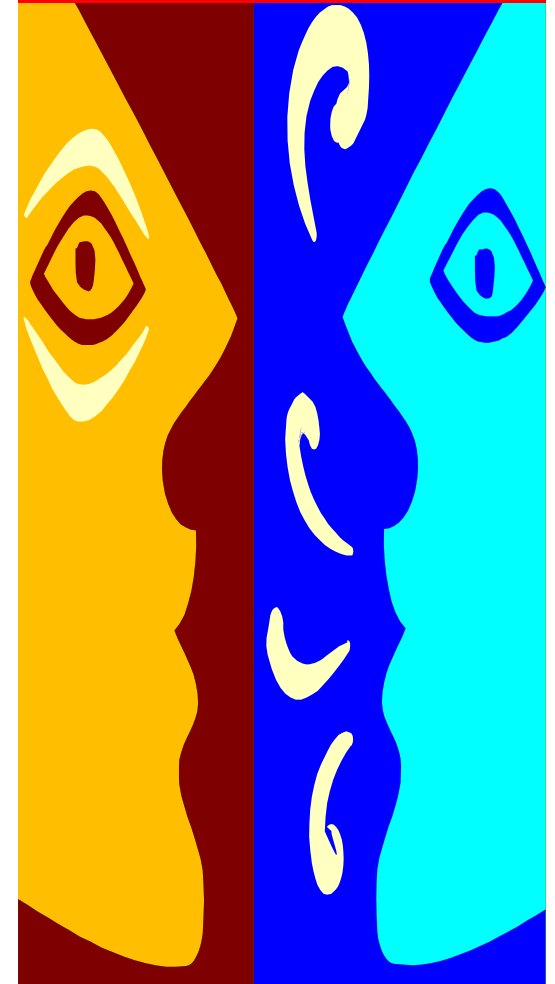
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Our Children.

Our Future.

Our Responsibility.

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How We Use Our Voice

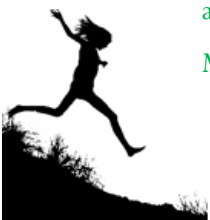
- Plan the Annual Youth Conference.
- Monitor legislation that impacts foster youth.
- Share information on social media for foster youth.
- Provide input for the federal review of foster care services.
- Partner with community organizations.
- Opportunities for training with hands on activities.
- Public speaking activities.

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”

- Vincent Van Gogh

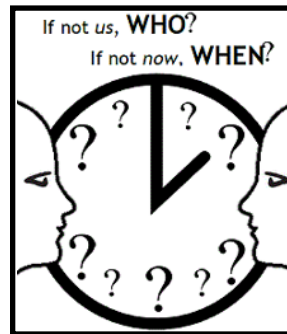
“Becoming an adult is a journey, it takes strength and courage.”

Madison G.—age 13



You must be the change that you wish to see in the world.

- Mahatma Gandhi



YAC Goals

- To provide support and training in the steps towards adulthood
- To build a powerful Youth Advisory Council that works to bring about positive change within the foster care system.
- To improve our leadership skills through maintaining a professional attitude, respecting others and their opinions, keeping commitments, and mentoring other foster youth.
- To educate ourselves on current issues affecting foster care.
- To increase our knowledge with skills such as, money management, housing awareness, job seeking and retention, and positive relationship building.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Any youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who has been in foster care.

WHEN ARE THE MEETINGS?

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month from 6-8 p.m.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Transportation will be provided for you. Simply let your social worker know that you would like to attend a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meeting.

WHAT DOES A YAC MEETING LOOK LIKE?

Meetings are casual with participants wearing casual clothing. YAC is serious about accomplishing their mission and they encourage anyone who wants to actively participate to attend.

DO I NEED TO EAT BEFORE I GET PICKED UP?

A light meal is provided at every meeting.

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